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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: ICAO - CENTRAL AMERICA CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL

1. NICARAGUA REP HAS REQUESTED U.S. REP. FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION OF A CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY TO COUNCIL. U.S. REP REITERATED POLICY RE SUPPORT FOR COUNTRIES SELECTED BY REGION ITSELF. NICARAGUA REP INDICATED LA ALREADY AGREED THAT CENTRAL AMERICA WILL BE CANDIDATE.

2. IMMEDIATE QUESTION IS WHICH COUNTRY WILL REPRESENT CEN. AMER. HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR NOT REPEAT NOT INTERESTED BECAUSE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THEM. GUATEMALA PRECEDED NICARAGUA, SO COSTA RICA IS NEXT IN ROTATION. NIC. REP. (AND OTHERS) CONCERNED ABOUT CALIBRE OF INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION. FYI. GUATEMALA REP WAS ENGINEER WHO HAPPENED BE WORKING ON MONTREAL AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND WAS NAMED REP AS CONVENIENCE. BECAUSE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND CONGO REP FOLLOWED CONGO IN POSITIONS/VOTING. END FYI.

3. NIC REP HAS SUPPORTED U.S. POSITIONS AND U.S. ADVICE WITHOUT
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DEVIATION, PRIMARILY BECAUSE PERSONAL ORIENTATION DUE FAA/USAF

AVIATION TRAINING, AMERICAN WIFE, ETC. IS WILLING/ABLE CONTINUE AS CA REP ON BEHALF COSTA RICA ON ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS. HAS EXPLORED WITH HIS OWN GOVERNMENT AND RECEIVED APPROVAL. FINAN- CIALY FEASIBLE BECAUSE ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL REP.

4. NIC REP HAS ASKED US REP CONFIDENTIALLY REPEAT CONFIDENTIALLY IF US WOULD BE IN FAVOR SUCH ARRANGEMENT, AND WOULD NOT OBJECT IF IT WAS WORKED OUT. NIC REP PROCEEDING TO MANAGUA WEEK OF APRIL 15 FOR TWO/THREE WEEKS. DURING THAT PERIOD DIRECTORS CIVIL AVIATION SIX, CA PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES MEETING SALVADOR AND WILL DECIDE ON NEW REPRESENTATION PREPARATORY FORMALIZING CANDIDACY.

5. FYI. NIC REP MAKES PRACTICE CIRCULARIZING 6 CA STATES HE REPRESENTS BUT ALMOST NEVER RECEIVES RESPONSE. ON IMPORTANT ISSUES HE CALLS MIN DEF/MANAGUA TO GET O.K. ON WHAT HE WISHES TO DO. EXAMPLES OF HIS OUTSTANDING COOPERATION WITH U.S. ARE REFLECTED IN MONTREAL 0326. HE WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL/USEFUL DURING EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE SAME EXTENT FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLY.

6. SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM LAST YEAR RESULTED IN "VERY SUCCESSFUL" SURGERY. US REP WISHES EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR US EMBASSY OFFER ASSISTANCE TO COL SILVA AT THAT TIME WHICH HE VERY MUCH APPRE- CIATED. END FYI.

7. US REP STRONGLY RECOMMENDS TO DEPT THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS BE MADE DISCREETLY TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING COL SILVA-DIAZ AS CA REP ON CONTRACT BASIS WITH COSTA RICA. PERHAPS PAN AM PER- SONNEL, LANICA, OR WHITMORE/FAA PANAMA COULD FIND OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE IDEA.
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